

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings are formal replacements for all of the drawings previously submitted. The attached sheet of drawings include a change to Fig. 8 on sheet 4/5. In Figure 8, the direction of arrow b has been reversed to be consistent with Fig. 7 and basic understanding of a state diagram. Without this change path a and path b would be redundant, which would not be correct for a state diagram.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1/5 through 5/5

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to Fig. 8 on Sheet 4/5

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending. Claims 9-16 are allowed. Claim 1 was rejected. Claims 2-8 were objected to. Claims 2-8 were indicated as allowable, if rewritten to in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the example communication includes PDU (**P**rotocol **D**ata **U**nit) types. As Dimitrova does not address PDU types, claim 1 is no longer anticipated by Dimitrova. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of amended claim 1.

As claims 2-6 now depend from allowable claim 1, and as previously indicated contain allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully request allowance of claim 2-6.

Claims 7 and 8 were indicated as allowable if place in independent form. Applicant is slightly confused as claim 7 was already an independent claim. As there was no other rejection of claim 7, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 7 and 8, which depends from claim 7.

As the remaining claims 9-16 have already been allowed, Applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed and this application passed on to issuance.

Regarding the foreign priority claim in the Declaration filed May 28, 2002. It should be clear that the X is located above the position that was intended to correspond to yes, as it appears in the second line. It should be clear that a tab was typographically omitted prior to the word "yes" on the line immediately below the X. Accordingly, it is Applicant's intent to claim priority to the German application filed in 1999.

Applicant respectfully request that the case be passed to issuance and that the issued patent reflect the priority claim to the Foreign Application filed in 1999.

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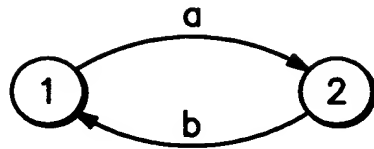


FIG.7

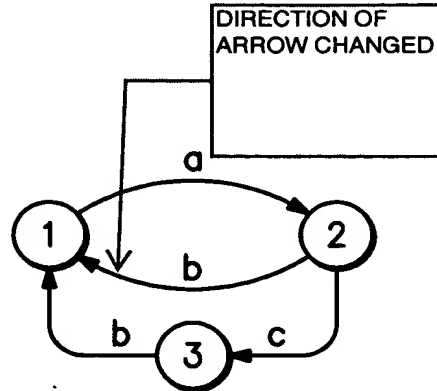


FIG.8

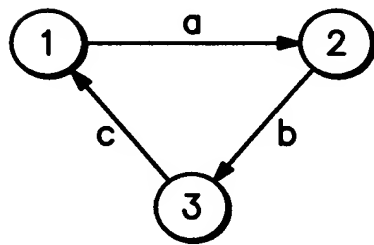


FIG.9

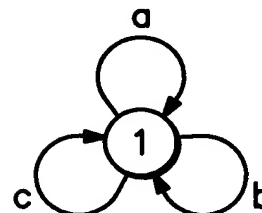


FIG.10

